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## ALEXANDRIA HIGH SCHOOL

TUNE: "WASHINGTON"

Voices raise in a song of praise  
For the school we all love so,  
In a building tall, rising high o'er all,  
Worthy classmates come and go.  
A. H. S., of all the rest,  
You are the best we know  
And we will stand by you, in what e're you do,  
As you strong and mighty grow.

Alexandria High School,  
We love thy name;  
Alexandria High School,  
Long live thy fame.  
Down thy great corridors  
Our classmates go.  
Heart of all the rest  
You are the best one we know.



## Foreword

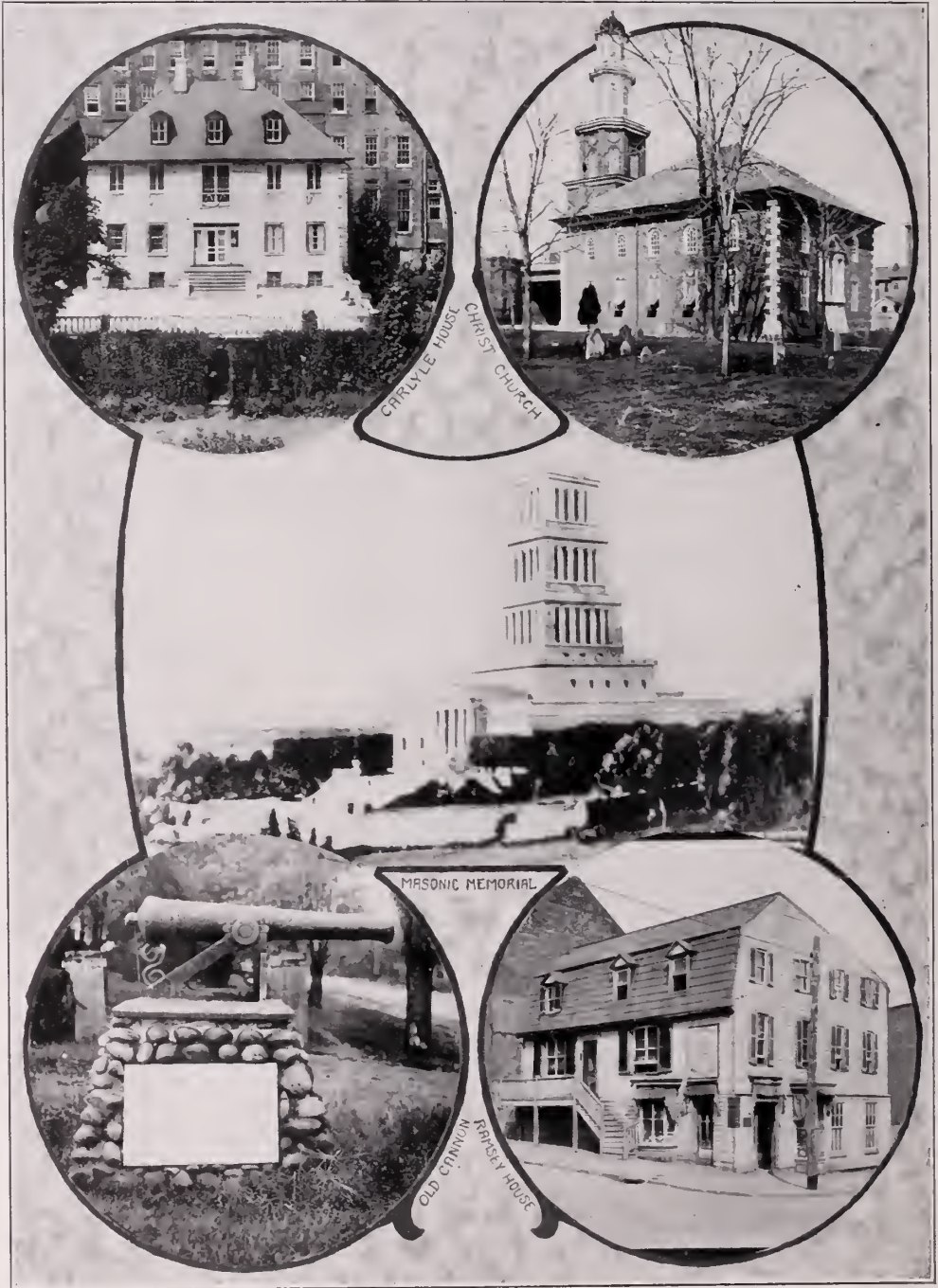
**N**othing new under the sun—  
so back to the ancients we  
go even in education; but  
we, the staff of '28, hope that the  
days pictured within these pages  
will never become ancient to you.

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*We, the class of nineteen twenty-eight, dedicate this book to our dear friend and teacher, Mr. Tavenner, for his willingness to help, his pleasing personality, his interest in us and our athletic affairs, his fatherly advice, and above all our true love for him for being just what he is.*

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## THE ROMANCE OF ALEXANDRIA

Alexandria is a romantic old city. Around her ancient homes and churches hangs a haze of dignified tradition, and figures famed in history have traversed her streets of cobblestone. Let us stop to picture it when the streets were crowded with lovely old coaches, when the southern sun was shining on beautiful yellow and white jasmine and roses in high-walled gardens, and when Lafayette, in coming from Mt. Vernon through Alexandria, said: "The City of Alexandria! May her prosperity and happiness more and more realize the fondest wishes of our venerated Washington."

The Carlyle House, which was erected on an old fortification in 1752 by John Carlyle and was used as headquarters in 1755 by Generals Washington and Braddock, has been the scene of many romantic as well as historic events. Every Alexandrian holds his head a little higher when he thinks of the conference held in the old paneled drawing room—a conference to make plans for the proposed hostilities of the English against the French and Indian allies. And how he is fascinated by the picture of General Braddock sitting in the huge old high-backed chair with Governor Dinwiddie, DeLancy, Morris, and others around him. And again how he is fascinated by the appearance of the wonderful old house at the ball given by the Carlyles, with groups of ladies, splendid with trains carried on their arms, with their powdered locks, and gay laughter.

And now let us turn our thoughts to the old tower of Christ Church, which casts the same shadow over us that it cast over George Washington as he departed from the Sunday morning service on his way to take dinner at the old Ramsay House, the home of his witty and patriotic cousin.

The old cannon on Braddock Road also brings its reminiscence of the past, for it marks the trail taken by General Braddock when he left on April 20, 1755, to defend the western frontier against the French and Indians. This cannon, mounted on cobblestones taken from the streets of Alexandria, stands ready to fire at anyone who dares to say anything but praise about those brave soldiers.

The Masonic Temple forms a link between the Present and the Past; within the walls of this beautiful modern structure are treasured relics of the past. It stands as majestic and commanding as Washington, the one whom it commemorates.

Although people nowadays do not ride in coaches and wear powdered wigs, a historic atmosphere pervades this beloved city of ours, and these monuments of the past will remain with us forever.

MARY SAUNDERS, '28.



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# The ALECKO



R. C. Bowton,  
Superintendent

# The ALECKO



Henry T. Moncure,  
Principal

# The ALECKO



Miss Mary Monroe,  
School Nurse



“Still sits the schoolhouse by the road,  
A ragged beggar sleeping;  
Around it still the sumachs grow,  
And blackberry vines are creeping.”  
—Whittier.



# The ALECKO



Miss Andujar  
Miss Carver  
Miss Cox

Mr. Aylor  
Miss Childress  
Mr. Millican

Miss Bretz  
Miss Cobbs  
Miss Dickert

# The ALECKO



Mrs. Elgin  
Miss Green  
Miss Ryland

Mr. Tavenner  
Mrs. Kirk  
Mr. Wilson

Miss Ficklin  
Miss Reardon  
Miss Wiley



“The Play is over. While the light  
Yet lingers in the darkening hall,  
I come to say a last Good-night  
Before the final *Exeunt all.*”

—*Holmes.*





## CLASS OFFICERS

*President* ..... HARRY BARNETT  
*Vice-President* ..... MARSHALL SMITH  
*Secretary* ..... VIRGINIA LEARY  
*Treasurer* ..... CAROLINE KREUTTNER

## MOTTO

*Give to the world the best that you have, and the best will come back to you.*

## COLORS

Green and Gold.

## HONORARY MEMBER

Captain Sweeney.

## FLOWERS

American Beauty Roses.

## MASCOT

"Stray"



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## SIDNEY ABRAMSON

Athletic Association  
Football, '28.  
Baseball, '27, '28.  
Spanish Club.  
"Hoo Hoos."

"Sidney" is a very suitable name for one so full of wit and humor. Did you ever see Sidney when he didn't have something witty to say to make you smile in the deepest trouble? And the books he used to read for English book reports—were they weird? And how! May you see life through rose-colored glasses. Best o' luck!

## RUBY REDMAN ANDERSON

French Club, '26.  
Spanish Club, '28.  
Athletic Association.  
Pep Club.

It is no wonder that Ruby is always smiling. We should, too, Ruby, if we had pretty dimples. Ruby always works out all her problems for herself. She has a host of friends. She was loyal to the teams, too, always at every game. She was even going to Portsmouth in an aeroplane to see the game, but, alas, it rained. We see that you are going to be successful. We shall say best o' luck, anyhow, Ruby.

## MARTHA VIRGINIA BAGGETT

("MARTY")

Spanish Club, Treasurer, '28.  
Pep Club, '26, '27, '28.  
Assistant Manager, Basketball, '28.  
Literary Society, '28.

Martha is jolly, good-natured, full of sociability and friendliness, and takes life smilingly, no matter what comes her way. Martha is one of the few of the fair sex who has not succumbed to bobbed hair. She is very pretty and has plenty of pep, too. Good luck and adios.





### ROBERT FRENCH BALDWIN

Manager, Football, '27.  
Treasurer Junior Class.  
Spanish Club, '28.  
Athletic Association.  
Advertising Manager, ALECKO.

Has anyone ever seen a more loyal lad than Robert? And don't we admire his persistency in working out all of his problems? He usually gets good results. We are positive you will succeed in your business career, Robert, for you have shown us your sterling quality as Advertising Manager of The Alecko this year. What better proof could we want? Good luck, Baldwin, ole boy!

### HARRY THEODORE BARNETT ("MIKE")

President, Senior Class.  
Goldsmith Ring.  
Literary Society.  
Student Athletic Council.  
Football, '25, '26, '27; Captain, '26.  
Monogram Club.  
Athletic Association.  
"Hoo Hoos."

Behold, the President of our class, who fills the chair top-notch in more than one way. Fat people are usually jolly and that certainly applies to Tubby, although he can be as serious as he wants. He made a great football captain, and also a star player. Many a "rat" has been scared to death by his approach. It is no wonder he is the most popular in his class—one so jolly and good-natured just couldn't help but be. Good luck, Harry!

### JOSEPH SCOTT BLACKWELL ("JOE")

Circulation Manager, *Last Lap*, ALECKO.  
Athletic Association.  
Track, '25, '26, '27, '28.  
Baseball, '27.  
Dramatics, '27, '28.  
Literary Society.  
Monogram Club, Treasurer.

How on earth does Joe always manage to be so happy? Can you imagine him without that grin? We wonder, Joe, will you ever be anything but a big boy, loved by all? Joe has certainly made a host of friends during his high school days, and, best of all, he has kept them! It is hard, indeed, to put into words what we think of Joe. He is a friend to everyone! And does he rate with the teachers? A mystery still unsolved! When it comes to being a success, we'll put our money on Joe.

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## LAWRENCE HOWARD BRAWNER ("LARNEY")

And what do we know about Lawrence except that he was a good friend to everybody? Lawrence has not taken part in the social activities of school; he was surely missed. His smiling attitude and hearty laugh, which goes to show he was full of fun, made everyone desirous of his company. Good luck, Lawrence, ole boy.

## MARY RAMSAY BUDDIN ("BUDDIE")

Pep Club.  
Spanish Club, Secretary, '28.  
Athletic Association.  
Dramatics.

"Buddie" has had plenty of pep as well as love affairs during her four years at A. H. S. Isn't it just a crime at this high school? "Buddie" certainly knows her stuff, though. What on earth would we have done without her and her clever remarks? Separate Mary and her remarks and, alas, we'd have no Mary. That's all right, "Buddie," even with all your thrills and love affairs, you pulled through those horrible things called lessons, and we know the top of the ladder will claim you before long. Best luck, "Buddie," and don't dare forget your old friends.

## ERNEST BAXTER CARY

Joke Editor of *Last Lap*.

Baxter has been with us only a year; we are sorry that we didn't have him before. His name is rather perplexing, but we all have it straight now. He is a perfect gentleman, with this motto: "Have a smile for everyone you meet, and he will have a smile for you." He was quite a "radio bug," too. Every morning he would sing or whistle what he heard over the radio the night before. Tune in on your old friends some time, Baxter.





### NAOMI MADESSIA CLATTERBUCK

French Club, '26.

Yas, suh! Naomi means real sho' nuff business! She may be small in stature, but she makes up for this in mentality. And is there a book she hasn't read? She was a valuable member of the cooking class this year; she did her full share, and then some, at getting lunches out every day. Three rousing cheers for Naomi! We all wish you success in whatever you undertake.

### VIRGINIA LOUISE COFFMAN

Literary Society.  
Pep Club.

Virginia may be quiet when a crowd's around, but we're willing to bet she can be just as lively as the next one when the occasion demands. If we should stop to sum up all of the merits of Virginia, it would take too much time and space. We know you will succeed, though, Virginia. Our hearts are with you, honest!

### AGNES LEE COOKSEY

("COOKY")

Pep Club.  
Home Economics Club, '26.  
Spanish Club.  
French Club.  
Athletic Association.

Agnes has that gentle, sweet nature which you expect dainty people to have. She strives to do well; she always succeeds. Have you ever heard her say a mean thing about anyone? And what better thing can you say than that? She was an indispensable member of the Home Economics Class, where she learned to live up to her name. She is a good pal; she has a store of fun for those who know her well.



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## MARGARET LUCILLE CRAIG

Pep Club, '28.  
Spanish Club, '28.  
Athletic Association.

Margaret doesn't talk enough for us to know very much about her, but we know that she is a good student, and goes through her studies with flying colors. How we like to look at her neat work in Home Economics Class, and how we like to hear her make speeches in Civics with the little quaver in her voice. She has been very much interested in athletics, too. We are sure that you will remember Margaret among your souvenirs.

## ANNE FRANCES CRITZER

Spanish Club.

How on earth does Frances manage to have such a smooth, even temper all the time? She never seems to get excited over anything, just takes matters as they come. And does she know her lessons? Always! Preparedness for classes and the best discipline ever was certainly the motto of Frances. Best of luck and everything good in life for you, Frances, ole girl!

## ALLAN LITTLETON DENNIS

("CASEY")

Basketball, '28.  
Football, '27, '28.  
Baseball, '26, '27.  
Secretary of the Monogram Club, '28.  
Dramatics, '27.  
Athletic Association.  
"Hoo Hoos."  
B. D.'s.

"Smile and the world smiles with you" surely must be Allan's motto, as you never see him without a cheery grin. And he is an athlete—football, basketball, and when it comes to baseball, why, he is a regular "Casey at the Bat." We thing Allan would make a good chemist, as he is such a good mixer. You have made many friends; we all like you; may you always meet life with the same sunny attitude that you did in A. H. S.





### JOHN LIVINGSTON DONIPHAN

("JACK")

Track, '24, '25, '26, '27, '28.  
Football, '25, '26.  
Basketball, '25, '26.  
Cheer Leader, '26, '27, '28.  
Debating Team, '26, '27.  
Literary Society.  
Monogram Club.

Jack was so fond of A. H. S., or perhaps he found so much time for fun that he stayed with us an extra year. Jack was right there when it came to cheer leading, and anything else that he undertook! Remember the interesting programs he got up for the Literary Society? Jack is also a famous track man; he won his letter. Don't run away and forget us with the speed with which you flew around the track!

### BEULAH GRACE DUBORG

Pep Club.  
Spanish Club.  
Athletic Association.  
Dramatics, '28.  
Advertisement Committee, ALECKO.

We almost believe in ghosts after seeing Beulah impersonate one so well in the senior play. How she made shrieks come forth from the audience! She may be quiet in class, but get her at a rehearsal and she's "The Last Word." She was one of the many unbobbed who has come out victorious with long hair, thanks to her will power. And did her report ever show an "E" or "F"? We'll say they didn't, for she got grades of which to be proud. May your smiles and success in A. H. S. continue throughout life.

### JAMES WILLIAM FRANCIS EIKE

("JIMMY")

Literary Society.  
Latin Club, '28.  
Dramatics, '28.  
News Reporter, *Last Lap*, '28.  
Writers Club.

He seems a quiet, gentlemanly sort of fellow, doesn't he? Remember these lines in the play? Well, they just seem to suit James. He's just that—and more. He's quiet and gentlemanly, but when the occasion demands can talk as fluently as the next one. And he is always ready for a good time. He has never been able to go out for athletics because that train for Occoquan just had to be caught in the evenings. He has made up for everything in his lessons, however. Good luck to you, Jimmie!

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## AGNES STUART FAIRFAX

Pep Club.  
Domestic Science Club, '26, '27.  
Athletic Association.

Did you ever see Agnes when she wasn't talking? We think she must talk even in her sleep. Agnes has been loyal to A. H. S. She is always ready to have a good time, and to help you if she can. The last year she and Naomi were each other's shadows. Good luck, Agnes, and don't forget us.

## BENJAMIN FREIDSON

Basketball, '27, '28.  
Athletic Association.  
Spanish Club.

"A still tongue makes a wise head." Such may be said of "Bennie," for he is a rather quiet student. He is bright in his classes, but that does not necessarily mean that he studies hard, as we have seen him find time for fun as well as athletics. Too bad you didn't make the first team, "Bennie." Ole boy, we're watching you. Remember the sky's the limit. But best of luck!

## CLARA MAE GOLDSWORTHY

Literary Society, Vice-President, '28.  
Thrift Club.  
Pep Club.  
Athletic Association.

Hats off to the "Speed Demon"! Clara has certainly made us all feel small when it comes to typing. How on earth does she get her fingers to work so fast? Sometimes we wonder, Clara, if there isn't a certain someone whom you think of constantly? There's always a soft, far-away look in your eyes. Well, if there is, he is indeed fortunate, for Clara has certainly shown us that she is every ounce true-blue to whatever or whomever comes within her sphere.





### CLARA ELIZABETH GROVES

("TARWAR")

French Club, '26.  
Spanish Club, '28.  
Athletic Association.  
Economics Club, '25, '26.  
Pep Club.  
Basketball, '26, '27.

Isn't Clara just the wittiest sort of a girl? And such good company! If Clara can't drive the blues away, you're hopeless. A. H. S. will certainly miss you, Clara, especially when it comes to supporting the games. You could always count on Clara to be right in the cheering line. Good luck, Clara! Don't run off and forget all of us.

### MARGARET LOUISE HAYDEN

Pep Club.  
Domestic Science, '25, '26.  
Athletic Association.

If "still water runs deep," then Margaret must be a regular old owl, and there must be gold at the bottom of the river. Just once in a while do we hear a tiny giggle. We do not know Margaret very well, as she has her own little circle of friends, but we delight in having had her with us. We hope that she will change in name only. Good luck and good-bye.

### HORACE EDWARD HENDERSON

("EDDIE")

Latin Club.  
Banking Council.

Edward would be a preacher. He is just the type! How we liked to hear him spiel off his lessons, which he always knew—that is, if he didn't laugh. He and James surely made a pair—one the direct antithesis of the other. In Geometry Class Edward got so he could draw circles almost as well as Miss Cox. We know you are going to succeed, Edward, and may you always be as happy-go-lucky as you were in A. H. S.

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## ADELINE BERTHA HORTON

("ADDIE")

Athletic Association.

Adeline is one of our quiet, shy little misses, but when she opens her mouth many words of wisdom drop out. She has been indispensable to Mr. Moncure in the office this last year. And how she can make the typewriter talk! We are sure Miss Bretz would have been at a loss without Adeline's quiet and capable assistance in the commercial room. We wish her success.

## WALTER TRAYNHAM HOUSTON

("HAM")

Track, '24, '25; Assistant Manager, '27.

Literary Society, President, '28.

Athletic Association.

Can't you just see the very devil dancing in Traynham's eyes? Yep, Ham is always in for a good time, and somehow usually manages to have his pockets filled with oranges, apples and bananas—in fact, everything his pockets will hold, especially around noon time—we wonder! We have to hand it to him, though; he certainly has taken an interest in the Literary Society. Traynham, ole boy, just hook your wagon to a star, keep your seat, and dar you are.

## CECELIA ANN HUFTY

Pep Club.

Athletic Association.

Spanish Club, '28.

Dramatics, '28.

Stop! Look! Listen! A riddle! Why does Cecelia Hufty remind one of a phonograph? Three guesses, and two of them don't count! That's all right, Cecelia; that tongue of yours is usually wagged for sensible reasons—and how! Cecelia is a valuable member of the Pep Club, which she has proved every year at the football supper, and by never missing any games of the season. Will she be successful? Of course! How could she help it!





# HELEN JAFFE

("JEFF")

Pep Club.  
Basketball, '25, '26, '27, '28.  
Athletic Association.

Here's to the fellah

Who over you holds life's umbrella!

May the very best in life be yours, Helen, for you certainly deserve it. You have always stood as high as the next one in class, and usually managed to join in all our dear frivolities, also. We wish you luck, Helen, dear, and ask you not to forget us.

# JAMES OVERTON JONES

Track, '25, '26.  
Football, '27.  
Baseball, '28.

This young man has indeed been welcome in our midst. He is a loyal student to both studies and school activities. We are afraid Jimmy wouldn't make much of a cook, as he hasn't been much of a mixer. We recognize his qualities, however, and realize that A. H. S. is certainly losing a prize when we bid him good-bye. Here's all the luck in the world to you, Jimmy.

# BRIDGET AGNES KELLEY

("BRIDGET")

Pep Club, Chairman Entertainment, '28.  
Dramatics, '28.  
Athletic Association.  
Literary Society, Secretary, '28.

What would Mr. Moncure have done without "Bridget" to tease in Economics Class? It is hard to imagine, although she took it good naturedly. Agnes is always willing to help and wears a smile which makes you feel better for having seen her. Didn't she take the part of Aunt Lizzie in the Senior Play just fine? And she has won her way into the heart of Miss Ficklin. Just hitch your "Irish luck" to a star and you'll land on top, Agnes, old dear. Best o' luck.

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## EDNA MARIE KENNEDY

("PEG"—"EDDIE")

Athletic Association, '28.  
Pep Club, '28.

Edna, the girl with the curls—and what famous curls! Wouldn't we just love to pull them? She has been with us but a year, so we haven't had time to get very well acquainted, but what we know about her, we like. She is anything but a bad student, and she dances divinely. Edna has not entered any of our clubs, but maybe she was shy. We wish her all the luck in the world.

## DONALD SHERWOOD KING

Football, '26, '27.  
Manager Track, '27.  
Monogram Club.

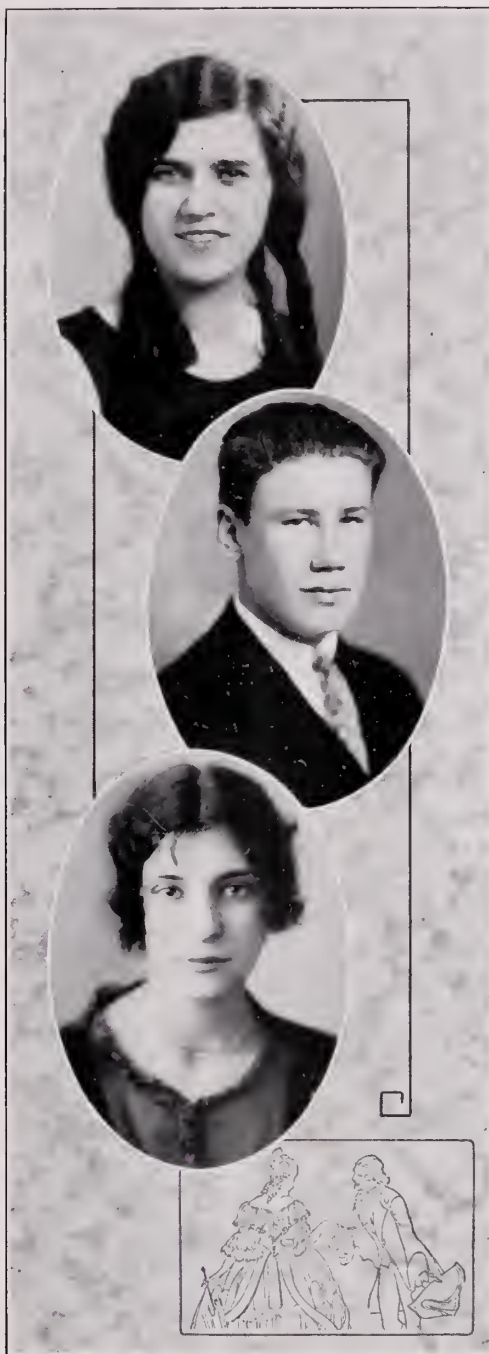
Donald is everybody's friend! And take it from us, that is some honor to hold. He is an exceptionally good student, whose hobby seems to be to tell us all that he hasn't looked at the lesson; yet when he is called upon he never fails to give a perfect recitation. We must not forget to say something of his dramatic ability, which certainly deserves praise. And is he a lot of fun to have around? Everyone who knows him says, "Yes, we like you, Donald, and we hope you'll never forget us."

## CAROLINE KREUTTNER

("K. K.")

President, Pep Club, '28.  
President, Literary Society, '27.  
President, Sophomore Class, '26.  
Editor-in-Chief, *Last Lap*, '28.  
Treasurer, Senior Class, '28.  
Latin Club, '27, '28.  
Athletic Association.  
Domestic Science Club, '26.  
Dramatics, '27, '28.  
Reading Award, '27.  
Writers' Club, '28.

Hail, the orator! Caroline just couldn't help but be an orator, as talking is her hobby. In spite of all her talking, she has edited the *Last Lap* to her credit, made good grades, and held down the position of President of the Pep Club. She has been interested in everything; she has put Pep into the Class of '28. School spirit is the main part of Caroline's make-up. We extend our best wishes for the future, Caroline.





VIRGINIA SMILLIE LEARY  
("SALLY")

Pep Club.  
Literary Society.  
Secretary, Senior Class.  
Last Lap Reporter.  
Athletic Association.  
Dramatics, '28.  
Adv. Committee, ALECKO.  
Editor-in-Chief, ALECKO.

Dear old Sally—deep down in our hearts, is there anyone we love more? Your willingness to help, your ability to do things as they should be done, and your sweet personality will always be remembered by the class of '28. And didn't you and Hilda make one pair? We could never praise you too much, Sally, for you certainly deserve praise. Besides being a bright student, Sally is also an accomplished actress. May you have everything which goes for happiness in your future life.

EDWARD KIRK LINDSEY

Business Manager, ALECKO.  
Dramatics, '28.  
Track, Captain, '27, '28.  
Athletic Association.  
Spanish Club.  
Class Officer.

And what do we know about Kirk except that he was a little bashful? Why, he was the Business Manager of student publications. What could the Alecko have done without his managing ability, his ease in getting over difficulties, his anxiety for this book to be the best ever published, his willingness to help? And didn't he make a great highwayman? He has stolen our hearts. Who will be the next one? To those who know him there is no one who is a better friend. Don't forget us, and God bless you!

JOE LOEB

Asst. Advertising Manager, ALECKO.  
Football, '27.

Joe would argue, because he dotes on it. That's all right, Joe; we admire your spunk. You have done much towards the publication of this book; we thank you for it, also for your interest in all of our affairs. May you always be as successful as you were in A. H. S. Don't forget us. So long, Joe; we're watching you.

HILDA GREGG LYNN  
("LYNN")

Literary Society,  
Pep Club,  
Dramatics, '28,  
Athletic Association,  
Advertising Committee, ALECKO,  
Associate Editor, ALECKO and *Last Lap*.

Here's to the prettiest, here's to the wit-  
tiest, here's to the truest of all who are true.  
Behold Miss A. H. S. Hilda is a valuable  
member of the Leary-Lynn Co. She has  
more than just looks. She has made good  
grades, impersonated a dashing widow in  
the Senior Play successfully, assisted with  
the *Last Lap* and ALECKO, and taken part in  
all social affairs. Because she is interested  
in everything and liked by everyone, Hilda  
will indeed be missed.

KEITH LLOYD MARTIN  
("MUTT")

Athletic Association, '25, '26, '28.  
Baseball, '27, '28.

Didn't Keith love to tease the teachers?  
But they liked him just the same, as we all  
do. Keith, you worked harder than you  
really appeared to, and you showed your  
caliber on speech day in Civics Class. We  
hope that you will enjoy life, and that you  
will have a host of friends as you did in  
A. H. S.

LESTER EDGAR McMENAMIN  
("Mac")

Football, '25, '26, '27.  
Basketball, '26, '27, '28.  
Baseball, '26, '27.  
Track, '25, '26, '27.  
Vice-President, Monogram Club, '28.  
"Hoo Hoos."  
Literary Society, '28.  
ALECKO Staff, '28.  
Athletic Association, '27.  
Dramatics, '27.

If "Mac" means versatile, then we think  
it could easily be applied to Lester, as he  
is an all-around athlete, student, and heart-  
breaker. What would our teams have been  
without him? He was the star and idol of  
many a game! He has played many tricks  
on the teachers, but has always been for-  
given because of his personality. "Mac" is  
to be commended for striving to make his  
scholarship surpass the standard necessary  
for participation in athletics. You are an  
all-around good fellow, and will be remem-  
bered by all of us. Good luck, "Mac."





FRIEDA MENDELSON  
("FRITZI")

Pep Club.  
French Club, '26.  
Spanish Club, President, '28.  
Basketball, '27, '28.  
Athletic Association.

Here's to one of our champion basketball players! Frieda has shown up her opponents when it came to tossing them. This last year she has been much interested in corresponding with a Spanish señor (sheik). And you can always see her pounding away on the typewriter before school. She was one of the valuable members of the Pep Club. She attended every game and was an ardent reoter. Success is yours, Frieda. Just hang on to the ladder and you'll reach the top.

LYLITH ELIZABETH NICHOLSON  
("LILA")

Pep Club, Secretary, '26, '27.  
Pep Club.  
Athletic Association.  
Banking Council.

Here is one of the very attractive members of the Senior Class, who has let her raven tresses grow. We have all been holding our breath for fear Lila would elope with our currency with which we entrusted her, as banker of Room 5. How often we have heard Miss Ficklin say: "My good friend, Miss Nicholson," and we all know what that means. Lila hasn't any particular friend; we are all very fond of her. Best o' luck, Lila; we're watching you!

CAROLYN ELIZABETH PEAKE

Literary Society.  
Pep Club.  
Athletic Association.

Can you ever remember the time when you saw Carolyn and did not see Clara Mae? We doubt it. Despite Carolyn's bashful way, she has managed to pull through all her classes successfully, as well as to join into anything of general interest. And can't she make a typewriter talk! Good luck to you, Carolyn; we know you'll be successful.

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## HARRY DOUGLAS PEYTON ("DUCK")

Pi Omega Nu.  
Athletic Association.  
"Hoo Hoos."

It always will be a mystery to us just how Douglas manages to know his lessons so well every day. Preparedness certainly must be his watchword. And were his speeches enjoyed in eivies? We'll say they were. Don't forget us, Douglas, when you get away up there in the business world. So long!

## EVELYN LEWIS PICKETT ("EBBIE")

Pep Club, Treasurer, '28.  
Dramatics, '26.  
Athletic Association.  
Advertising Committee, ALECKO.  
Literary Society.  
Writers' Club.  
Class Prophet.

She's the cutest, the sweetest, the nicest, the neatest—what more could be said of a girl? Evelyn really has a goodly amount of all of these traits, which you no doubt already know without our telling you. And can she dance? And how! Evelyn has really been so taken up with a partieuclar "pet" of hers that she hasn't had much time for the rest of us. However, those who know her find in her a true blue friend, all of which makes us hate to part with her all the more.

## GLADYS AUDREY PIERPOINT ("SHORTY")

Literary Society, '27.  
Pep Club.  
Athletic Association.

Could we ever forget Gladys, that little bit of feminism, no longer than a minute? Well, hardly! How on earth she always manages to recite for Miss Fieclin is beyond us. And as a typist, she—well—to make our side sound good, she must have been lucky. Why do some girls have all the luck? There is no justice!





DOROTHY ANNE RICHTMEYER  
("DOTTY")

Spanish Club.  
Pep Club.  
Athletic Association.  
Latin Club, President, '27; Secretary, '26.  
Dramatics, '28.  
Literary Society.

Behold Miss Dignity! Dotty never laughs without thinking the matter over, and then she laughs heartily. And, oh how pretty she is! She is very firm; she knows what she wants to do, and she usually does it, regardless of the consequences. Will we ever forget on speech day in Civics when she said like a bolt out of a clear sky: "Gee, I'm nervous!" Her grades have been excellent, and she has scored in math. What better start could anyone wish? Good wishes, Dotty, ole dear!

MARY BARBARA ROAT  
("BOBBIE")

Pep Club.  
Athletic Association.

We will always remember your sweet, smiling face, Barbara, and your contagious personality. You were an excellent student, and after all, that's what counts, doesn't it? If hard work and a buoyant humor spell success, then it is yours!

CATHERINE VIRGINIA ROBEY  
("KITTY")

Basketball, '26, '27, '28.  
Pep Club.  
Athletic Association.

"Ain't that grand?" Yeh, that's Kitty, we know, the minute we hear it said. These seem to be her—er—that is—well—er—famous last words, we'll call 'em. Kitty has plenty of pep, and has been an indispensable member of the basketball team. A. H. S. is losing a loyal supporter with lots of school spirit in her. She was always on hand in her little brown car to help. We know that Catherine will succeed in whatever she undertakes.

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## MARGARET EMMA RUDD

Pep Club,  
Athletic Association.

Behold Margaret, an essential member of Coffman-Rudd, Inc. Margaret is a quiet, sweet, unobtrusive sort of person; we admire her for it. Margaret has always been behind A. H. S. in all her endeavors; she has done much to make our dear school a success. Lots of luck to you, Margaret, and don't forget your old schoolmates.

## JAMES WHITING SAUNDERS

Latin Club, '26.

James is Miss Ficklin's own dear little boy, for he sure does shine in English. He is a quiet, reserved youth, who has made good marks during his time at A. H. S. He is a gentlemanly sort of a fellow until Edward comes along and whispers something in his ear. Then the fun begins. We wish you plenty of luck for the future, James!

## MARY ELLEN SAUNDERS

Pep Club, Vice-President, '28  
Athletic Association.  
Dramatics, '26, '28.  
Latin Club, '26.  
Last Lap Staff, '28.  
Literary Society.  
Class Officer, '27.

Mary is just so full of wiggles that when you look at her picture it, too, seems to wiggle. She is the other member of the Pickett-Saunders, Inc., two such distinctive types, but such lovable lassies! Mary always wears a smile and has something witty to say, making it fair weather, when she and her friends get together. She is also an accomplished actress. How our ears have prickled up when we heard her name on the assembly program for a monologue! And can she dance? How about it, boys? Best of everything for you, Mary!





### LENA SHAPIRO

("LEE")

Vice-President, Freshman Class.  
Pep Club, Secretary, '28.  
Basketball, '25, '26, '27, '28.  
French Club, '26.  
Athletic Association.

Lena is a real athlete and a real dandy. isn't she, boys? What could we have done without you, your pep, your personality, your school interest, and your ability to put things over? A. H. S. is certainly losing a good sport and pal, but, please, Lena, don't crawl into your shell and forget us. Promise?

### ELIZABETH WOLLASTON SMITH

("BETSY")

Spanish Club.  
Athletic Association.  
Pep Club.  
Literary Society.

If "silence is golden," then Elizabeth must be a millionaire. But wait until luncheon, when she and Ruby get together; then she just bubbles over. Elizabeth was unable to take a very active part in school activities, as she hails from Pohiek, and the train just had to be caught. We find, though, that Pohiek has at least one pretty girl. Best o' luck, Betsy. Don't forget us.

### MARSHALL WASHINGTON SMITH

("SMITTY")

Athletic Association.  
Vice-President, Senior Class.  
Monogram Club, Secretary, '28.  
Football, '25, '26, '27, '28.  
Basketball, '27, '28.  
Baseball, '27, '28.  
Track, '25, '26, '27, '28.

He's a peach, he's a dream, why, he's one of the best athletes on the teams! Marshall may be bashful and a wee bit shy, but when it comes to athletics he has it. Marshall has done more than his share to hold up his family rep; he deserves praise for it. We know you are going to succeed, Marshall, but we'll say "Best o' luck." Adios.

### HELEN MILDRED STAPLES

Athletic Association.  
Latin Club.  
Literary Society, Treasurer, '28.  
Writers' Club.  
Pep Club.  
Dramatics, '27, '28.  
Associate Editor, *Last Lap*, ALECKO.

Will we ever forget Helen's incessant talking? "What beautiful eyes you have" and "I love you" just seem to bubble out. Too, have you noticed the cunning little way she has of hanging her head when she has nothing to be ashamed of? Helen has been with us only two years, but she has been a credit to our class. She is good along literary lines, and as leading lady in the Senior Play she just couldn't be beaten. We just know you're going to make a great journalist, but we'll say best o' luck, anyhow!

### GILBERT LAWRENCE ST. CLAIR

Athletic Association.  
Football, '26, '27.  
Spanish Club, Vice-President.

We have never known Gilbert so very well; he seemed satisfied with his own circle of friends and never pushed himself. But we admired him from a distance. Could anyone find a better pair than "Gilly" and "Kirk," we ask you? Hardly! We know you will succeed, "Gilly," and wish you loads of luck for your future happiness.

### GORDON OLIVER STONE

("BEANIE")

Athletic Association.  
Officer, Banking Club.  
Spanish Club.  
Literary Society.  
"Hoo Hoos."

Will we ever forget the time the tornado politely carried a roof about a block or two, then suddenly decided to leave it on Gordon's car, which had pranced up onto the sidewalk in front of school? Never! And never shall we forget you, Gordon. Your ability as a student is unsurpassed. He is rather distant to those he doesn't know so well, but those he does know—! Isn't he just the dandiest sort of a fellow? Here's wishing you luck in the future, Gordon, ole boy!





CHARLES BRINK STRAUSS  
("TEVIS")

Football, '26.  
Dramatics, '28.  
Spanish Club.

Hail to a true son of A. H. S.! No matter what has been undertaken, Charlie was always right there to back it up, and his dramatic ability can't be beat. Anyone who saw him in "Out of the Stillness" as the villain who sheiked the widow will vouch for that. Charlie has heaps of personality, and has made many friends in A. H. S. If he only likes us as well as we like him, then everything's all right. The best of luck to you, Charlie, and success in all your endeavors!

CLARENCE FRANKLIN SWEeley

Cheer Leader.  
Literary Society.  
N. C.'s, President.

Meet our cheer leader! He sure can put the pep into us and the team. Sweeley didn't lose weight from studying, as he was too fond of fun. He always has something bright and clever to say, for separate Sweeley and his remarks—no Sweeley! And he is a divine dancer. May you dance through life as lightly as you did through A. H. S. Good luck, ole boy.

ERNEST TAYLOR  
("ERNIE")

Literary Society, '28.  
Dramatics, '27.  
Glee Club, '27.

Ernest hails from the Fort. He believes in living up to his name, as he is so earnest about everything. He is very stylish and good looking. But most of all he quickly won Miss Ficklin as his friend. What your future life is to be, you have never told us, but we mark it a success, anyhow.



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## DOROTHY VIRGINIA THOMAS

Pep Club.  
Athletic Association.  
Latin Club.

If the old saying, "Silence is golden," is true, then Dorothy should be a millionaire. Dot always seems to be fighting some little battle all of her own, but in spite of this she has pulled through the four years of high school with grades to be proud of. Her sweet disposition makes her everybody's friend. She has been loyal to school organizations and interested in every phase of school life. With such a disposition anyone could succeed in life. Dotty, you will indeed be missed.

## PARK EDMUND TIGER

Athletic Association, '26, '27, '28.  
Dramatics, '28.  
Literary Society, '28.  
Track, '25, '27.  
N. C.'s, Vice-President.

We just can't help but think Park had quite a bad case of heart trouble this year, and it may last, too, if we're not mistaken. But despite this, he has made good grades, entered all activities at school, and showed much interest in general. Will we ever forget how wonderfully well he took the part of Henry Jerome in the Senior Play? For such a little person, Park certainly has his share of personality and sense. We wish you luck an' everything, Park!

## WILLIAM LEE TRAVERS

("Billy")

Football, '25, '26, '27.  
Captain, Football, '27.  
Basketball, '26, '27, '28.  
Captain, Basketball, '28.  
Baseball, '26, '27, '28.  
Track, '27, '28.

When it comes to honest-to-goodness hard work in the athletic field, none other could be found that fits in so perfectly as Billy. Although small of stature, he was one dandy football and basketball captain, thus making up in quality what he lacked in quantity. Billy is well liked by everyone, boys and girls, old ones, young ones, and even teachers! We've searched in vain for something to scold Billy about, but, alas, nothing looms before us, except the fact that he doesn't give girls, in general, a tumble. We're heart-broken, Billy, but we forgive you this time and wish you luck.





JULIAN WHITSTONE  
("WHITEY")

Football.  
Athletic Association.  
Track, Assistant Manager.

Julian almost deserted us during the last half of the year. We shall never forgive him for it. How we did miss those wise cracks of his, that used to make us laugh, whether we felt like it or not. He brightened many a dull class period. Miss Ficklin selected him for Jerry in the play. He took the part to perfection, but when he graduated in February and obtained a position, he had no time for such petty trifles. Best o' luck to you, Julian, ole boy; just hold on to the ladder and you'll get there some day.

BLANCHE WHITE

Pep Club, '26, '27, '28.  
Literary Society, '28.  
Athletic Association.

Blanche is the oldest but the youngest of the White Sisters. And she is also a darling. You rarely see Mary Lee when Blanche is not in the background, and vice versa. She is such a little bit of a thing, but then good things always come in small packages. We must congratulate her on her loyalty to the school. She was always on hand at the games and the dances. May you never need Dame Fortune's Daughter.

MARY LEE WHITE  
("BEE")

Pep Club.  
Athletic Association.  
Literary Society.  
Domestic Science Club, '26, '27.

Mary Lee is one of our sweetest girls. She is such a darling! We don't know what Miss Ficklin would have done without her as business manager during the Senior Play and the Endeavors. Mary Lee is always ready to do something for you. She is indeed a true friend. We certainly hope that she succeeds in whatever she does. Good luck, sweet child!

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## STUART EVERETT WOOD ("LOPY")

Athletic Association.  
"Heo Hoos."

Although Everett hasn't taken much part in school activities, he has worked hard (?) and has come through with flying colors. We really can't imagine what Mr. Moncure would have done without him in Economics Class. A. H. S. has certainly possessed a prize in you, Everett, ole boy. We hope you'll have plenty of luck, and as many friends outside as you did in school.

## MARY MAGDALENE WRIGHT ("MAGGIE")

Pep Club.  
Spanish Club.

Can you imagine Mary without her cheery grin? Some day we fear her face will actually split with its width. Can you imagine the class of '28 without Mary? Can you imagine the whole A. H. S. without Mary? Can you imagine—no, don't try; it's much too hard. Mary is so sweet and always is willing to help you out. She has always managed to come out on top of everything. Good for you, Mary; remember, the sky's the limit.

## HELEN LOUISE ZINK ("ZINKY")

Domestic Science Club, '26.  
Pep Club, '26, '27, '28.  
Basketball, '27, '28.

What would our basketball team have been without you, Helen? What would Domestic Science class have done without your giggle? It is hard to imagine! As a country-city girl, you carry off the honors. And don't you love to eat—especially apples? We think you must have as your slogan, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." We wish you a long life and success in whatever you undertake, old girl.





## STATISTICS OF THE SENIOR CLASS

(as voted on by its members)

### GIRLS

<i>Most Popular</i> .....	VIRGINIA LEARY
<i>Prettiest</i> .....	HILDA LYNN
<i>Most Stylish</i> .....	VIRGINIA LEARY
<i>Best Dancer</i> .....	EVELYN PICKETT
<i>Best Personality</i> .....	VIRGINIA LEARY
<i>Most Athletic</i> .....	LENA SHAPIRO
<i>Cutest</i> .....	CECELIA HUFTY
<i>Wittiest</i> .....	MARY SAUNDERS
<i>Most Attractive</i> .....	VIRGINIA LEARY
<i>Best All-Around</i> .....	CAROLINE KREUTTNER

### BOYS

<i>Most Popular</i> .....	HARRY BARNETT
<i>Best Looking</i> .....	JOSEPH BLACKWELL
<i>Most Stylish</i> .....	PARK TIGER
<i>Best Dancer</i> .....	CLARENCE SWEeley
<i>Best Personality</i> .....	HARRY BARNETT
<i>Most Athletic</i> .....	WILLIAM TRAVERS
<i>Cutest</i> .....	JAMES EIKE, PARK TIGER (tied)
<i>Wittiest</i> .....	CLARENCE SWEeley
<i>Most Bashful</i> .....	MARSHALL SMITH
<i>Best All-Around</i> .....	HARRY BARNETT

### BOY OR GIRL

<i>Most Loyal</i> .....	HELEN STAPLES
<i>Most Representative</i> .....	CAROLINE KREUTTNER
<i>Most Intellectual</i> .....	KIRK LINDSEY

NOTE: The "Hall of Fame" represents and was originated from the class statistics.



## CLASS PROPHECY

*Not long ago,*

Mr. Tavenner, a chemist of fame,  
Gave me a sleeping portion—I do not know the name.  
He told me if I took it and went straight to bed,  
Visions of the Class of '28 should pass through my head.

Of course, I was quite curious to see what it would do,  
So I followed his directions and found that they were true.  
For as I closed my eyes and drifted into sleep,  
Harry Barnett was the first whom I happened to meet.

This young man is the inventor great  
Of a wonderful compound—"How to Lose Weight."  
His fame has grown both far and wide,  
Because the women are on his side.

Hilda Lynn and Virginia Leary were the next whom I met,  
And whatever they want is just what they get.  
These fair maids of Ocoquan have acquired much wealth;  
The former teaches school and the latter talks on health.

Mary Buddin, still as in the days of yore,  
I saw quite plainly with her sweethearts galore.  
Edna Kennedy has married and settled down;  
You can still meet her riding from the Camp into town.

Kirk Lindsey and Gilbert St. Clair  
Are both mathematicians very rare,  
While Donald King and Everett Wood  
As actors are really very good.

Lester McMenamin is quite a football star,  
And his name has traveled out afar.  
Billy Travers, too, has acquired much fame,  
In the game basketball he's made quite a name.

Catherine Robey and Barbara Roat, sad to relate,  
Have realized their mistakes a bit too late.  
They marched down an aisle and under an arch  
To the tying tune of the Wedding March.



Joseph Blackwell, as an interior decorator, has made a hit.  
And he and a certain person are seen together quite a bit.  
The two White Sisters, Mary Lee and Blanche,  
Have gone out West and own a huge ranch.

Partners in business are Gordon Stone and Charley Strauss;  
Gordon does the buying and Charley is the boss.  
I'm sure you're all wondering of friend Joseph Loeb;  
He owns a large theatre which is known as the Globe.

Lord Minor, you'll be interested to know,  
Has gone South where so many "peaches" grow.  
He and his little blue car have parted—  
They had to, for—it just couldn't be started.

Virginia Coffman and Margaret Rudd  
Bought some land which most thought was just mud;  
Though in a way this was true, there is still more to say—  
For soon it was discovered that it was beauty clay.

Abramson and Friedson own a clothing store fine;  
Whenever you go there you must stand in line,  
For the things that they sell have a value so great  
That when a sale's advertised the people can't wait.

Cecelia Hufty is a lady of great renown—  
She's a librarian in her old home town!  
Though Agnes Kelley has changed her name,  
It's Irish still—and she's just the same.

Ernest Taylor composes quite a bit;  
"Why Be Good?" is his latest song hit.  
Julian Whitestone, you know well whom I mean,  
Is now a comedian—and they say he's a scream.

Caroline Kreuttner has won oratorical fame,  
As a woman suffragette she's made quite a name.  
Hostess at a night club is Mary Magdalene Wright;  
She flirts all the day and dances all night.

Helen Staples (it matters not how she tries)  
Can't resist the temptation of looking at people's eyes;  
As an optician of fame, she's satisfied now—  
She's a sure cure for bad eyes—oh, my—and how!



# The ALECKO

Baxter Cary, with a dignified air,  
Charms writhing snakes at a County Fair.  
While Robert Baldwin, I'm glad to say,  
In the political world is making headway.

Clara Grove has gone West to regain her health,  
Which she lost in trying to obtain great wealth.  
James Eike, tired of the United States,  
Has gone to Africa and likes the "dates."

Edward Henderson has fulfilled his dreams—  
He's a well-known preacher now, it seems.  
His friend, James Saunders, free from all care,  
Writes gruesome stories which are read everywhere.

Lena Shapiro and Frieda Mendelson, as in days of yore,  
Are always together—they now own a fine store.  
Adeline Horton will be world-famous yet ;  
She writes news items for the Alexandria Gazette.

John Doniphan now talks to his heart's content,  
And his words over many countries are sent ;  
As a radio announcer, his voice you've heard—  
And he says many things which are really absurd.

Frances Critzer I need not mention,  
For with her fame came much attention.  
She's given first place as a domino shark ;  
"I can win every game," she's been heard to remark.

For some time Douglas Peyton has been "up in the air,"  
And we'll soon hear no more of this Lindy affair.  
Doug's fortune will be made when he flies to the moon—  
When asked when he is leaving he replies, "Very soon."

The next whom I met was our friend Allan Dennis ;  
It seems he's perfected a new play in tennis.  
Agnes Fairfax is well known on the stage,  
And I hear that her acting is all the rage.

Margaret Craig is a nurse over at Walter Reed,  
And folks say she's a very good nurse indeed.  
Martha Baggett travels about here and there,  
Lecturing to the ladies on "How to Dye Hair."



# The ALECKO

Marshall Smith is a famous track man,  
And can jump even higher than Osbourne can.  
A portrait painted by Jester's hand  
Has won him fame in every land.

Margaret Hayden is a typist of the highest rank;  
She holds a fine position in the Alexandria Bank.  
The Misses Duborg and Richtmeyer are quite society bees;  
Every summer they go North to enjoying the cooling breeze.

Naomi Clatterbuck and Helen Zink into my vision then appeared;  
Naomi's husband is bald-headed and Helen's has a beard.  
Elizabeth Smith owns a tea room to which I'm sure you've been,  
For everyone in Virginia has heard of Dew Drop Inn.

Lylieth Nicholson exhibits the latest styles,  
Her famous creations are talked of for miles.  
Keith Martin, the youth with the golden hair,  
Builds marvelous skyscrapers high in the air.

Caroline Peake as a dancer leads the way,  
And her name stands out on Old Broadway.  
Clara Goldsworthy, her old school chum,  
Upon the death of an uncle received quite a sum.

Traynham Houston has discovered a metal rare,  
And now gives his friends a haughty stare.  
Gladys Pierpoint, still as tiny as ever,  
Writes ads that are really very clever.

A newspaper office then appears,  
Within I see a maiden in tears.  
Helen Jaffe, new owner of the Washington Times,  
Has misplaced the write-ups of two thrilling crimes.

Ruby Anderson has become quite slim,  
And in our Alma Mater teaches gym.  
Her cousin, Agnes Cooksey, is a baseball fan,  
And attends every game that she possibly can.

Mary Saunders has retained her wit,  
And at the Fox Theatre has made a hit.  
Clarence Sweeley is Clara Bow's leading man—  
And the idol of many a movie fan.



# The ALECKO

Alas, this magic sleep is leaving me,  
And my vision is blurred when I chance to see  
A man with a heavy frown on his brow—  
Park Ticer—a dignified Senator now.

I awake with a start and jump out of bed,  
And a frantic thought rushes through my head:  
Suppose I again break the tardy rule—  
Perhaps I'll be sent to Miss Cox after school.

E. P., '28



**Last Will  
and Testament**  
OF THE  
CLASS OF 1928



## SENIOR CLASS POEM

Though part of our life has passed away,  
On the threshold still we stand  
Ready to follow our destined way  
And obey the right command.

Carefree days of childhood have gone  
To leave room for maturer years.  
The day of life is at its morn;  
Now's time to plan our careers.

'Tis sad that we classmates should drift apart  
To seek our separate ways,  
But always the memory is in our hearts  
Of our dear High School days.

When we have reached the goal of desire  
And attained the depths of our will,  
In us forever will burn the fire  
Of a spirit that will not chill.

This spirit we caught at A. H. S.  
And we'll keep it through many a year;  
It will bring to us much happiness,  
That thought of the school so dear.

O, teachers and chums, we bid you adieu;  
Goodbye to the much beloved hall;  
In future years in whatever you do  
Don't forget to remember us all!

C. K., '28.



“In some the genius is a thing apart,  
A pillared hermit of the brain,  
Hoarding with incommunicable art  
Its intellectual gain . . .”

—*Lowell.*





Junior Class



## JUNIOR CLASS

*President* .....MERCIA CASH  
*Vice-President*.....MARIAN CHADWICK  
*Secretary-Treasurer* .....MARY REEVES

Adams, Roger  
Armstrong, Charlie  
Bachellor, Carter  
Bernhart, Helen  
Beal, Mae  
Bernheimer, Sam  
Blackwell, Howard  
Cash, Mercia  
Chadwick, Marian  
Clinkscale, Clayton  
Cook, Bertha  
Cohen, Martin  
Cornell, Anabelle  
Cragg, Ruth  
Densmore, Walter  
Devers, Oliver  
Devine, Mae  
Duborg, Mary  
Foster, Clarinda  
Foster, Fleury  
Floyd, Ruby  
Gerber, Raymond  
Gorham, Robert  
Green, Rector  
Groves, Clara  
Griesemer, Ruth  
Hall, Catherine  
Haines, David

Hicks, Ada  
Houston, Margaret  
Janney, Joseph  
Johnson, Julian  
Kelley, Julia  
Kleinman, Joseph  
Miles, Thelma  
Morris, Elgin  
McClelland, David  
McGhee, Curran  
Meeks, Frances  
Nelowitz, Jack  
Noble, Gordon  
Reese, Jack  
Reeves, Mary  
Sampson, Frances  
Seablom, Dorothy  
Schuman, John  
Schreiner, Frank  
Shaw, Cleveland  
Sisk, Garland  
Spear, Harry  
Smith, Rosalie  
Thomas, Zula  
West, Nancy  
Walters, James  
Wayland, Clifford  
Wigfield, Maurice

Wilburn, Eschol



“The past and present wilt—I have fill’d  
them, emptied them,  
And proceed to fill my next fold of the  
future.”

—*Whitman*





Sophomore Class



## SOPHOMORE CLASS

*President*.....JAMES GARVEY  
*Vice-President*.....GORMAN RIDGELY  
*Secretary-Treasurer*.....MARGARET SCRIVENER

Agner, Robert	Fairfax, Milton	Parker, Richard
Armistead, Lynwood	Frazier, Jeanette	Peyton, Carlin
Ayers, Gibson	Gallager, William	Peyton, George
Bagley, Sam	Garvey, James	Pitt, Frances
Backus, Curtis	Grimm, Aubrey	Posner, Sam
Backus, Franklin	Hagan, Mildred	Reese, Eloise
Ballenger, Catherine	Hancock, Anna	Ridgely, Nellie
Berry, Byron	Haywood, James	Ridgely, Gorman
Beverley, Carter	Harvey, Catherine	Riley, Virginia
Beverley, Marshall	Haines, Elizabeth	Robinson, Ruth
Blake, James	Hill, Carey	Sampson, George
Brewer, Everette	Hoy, Denton	Shepherd, Vera
Britton, Millie	James, Marguerite	Sinclair, John
Briscoe, Bishop	Jacobs, Andrew	Simpson, James
Brookfield, Eugenia	Johnson, Dorothy	Sperling, Harry
Brown, Pauline	Jones, Louise	Sperling, Jake
Buddin, Frances	Keys, Glenna May	Smith, Dorothy M.
Burrell, Fred	King, Josephine	Smith, Dorothy R.
Carr, William	Knight, Elizabeth	Smith, James
Clifford, Charlotte	Lanham, Howard	Snyder, William
Coffey, Christine	Leadbeater, Milton	St. Clair, Paris
Coffey, Lyndall	Lindsey, James	Spencer, Lois
Coffman, Mildred	Loeb, Ethel	Tatsapaugh, Mary
Colvin, Colby	Martin, John	Thompson, Edith
Carper, Russell	Martin, Charles	Thomas, James
Covington, Blanche	Mankin, Ernest	Turner, Gerald
Cragg, Virginia	Morris, Elgin	Vogt, Robert
Davis, Wilson	Morrisette, Virginia	Welling, Robert
Dawson, Edith	Moore, George	White, Charlotte
Darling, Isabelle	Monroe, Virginia	Williams, Charles
Demaine, Elizabeth	Mudd, Elmore	Wiley, Richard
Dodson, Ella	Murphy, Francis E.	White, Virginia
Drury, Walter	McGowan, Richard	Wolf, Robert
Duncan, Guy	Nicholson, Charles	Wilber, Mary
Duncan, Bob	Noell, Margaret	Woolls, Dorothy
Eggborn, Margaret	O'Neil, Dorothy	Walker, Flossie
Emmis, Lorene	Otley, Harold	West, Lindsey



“Unbar the door, since thou the Opener art,  
Show me the forward way, since thou art guide,  
I put no faith in pilot or in chart,  
Since they are transient, and thou dost abide.”

—Emerson.





Freshman Class



## FRESHMAN CLASS

*President*.....BILLY SMITH  
*Vice-President*.....JANE NORFORD  
*Secretary-Treasurer*.....NINA BASSIST

arnold, roberta  
anderson, nellie may  
appel, stafford  
ayers, edna may  
ayres, rebecca  
allen, isabelle  
allen, paul  
apperson, elizabeth  
ayers, lena  
armistead, marye  
bagget, ida  
barnett, marion  
barnett, melvin  
bartlett, elmer  
bayliss, agnes  
bachellor, jack  
bender, robert  
bassist, nina  
bell, angela  
bernheimer, sigmund  
berkow, ethel  
bishop, janice  
bladen, jean  
book, randall  
bolton, francis  
booe, alice  
broadbelt, evelyn  
brown, floreene  
bruin, eunice  
brill, ruth  
buddin, nancy  
bohraus, louis  
baumbach, helen  
bray, ellsworth  
butler, harriet  
bingham, mary

clift, richard  
cook, julia  
carey, aubrey  
carr, malcolm  
claggett, wickcliffe  
clinkscale, dell  
carter, elmer  
carlton, james  
caton, mary  
cash, valere  
cohen, robert  
cochrell, marie  
cole, parker  
cole, winton  
clifford, gladys  
cunningham, margaret  
cox, mary  
cooksey, elvie  
clark, lewis  
clark, william  
cornell, fred  
cox, evelyn  
cook, celeste  
delaney, catherine  
davis, haywood  
decoss, mathew  
denty, annie  
dienelt, doris  
dean, ervin  
davis, bernley  
dobson, audrey  
decoss, herndon  
entwistle, william  
edwards, george  
evans, emma  
emerson, emma

erwin, doris  
ennis, willie mae  
ewald, virginia  
fairfax, hilma  
florenee, henry  
fitton, bertram  
fedder, bernice  
fletcher, claude  
fairfax, anna  
finnel, frances  
floyd, kathleen  
foard, esther  
fones, evelyn  
fouts, ruth  
fulk, mary  
greenwood, margaret  
guckert, irvan  
gallagher, william  
green, ida  
grillbortzer, fred  
griffin, arthur  
grimm, courtland  
gaines, tilton  
grover, mary  
goodrich, joseph  
gorman, james  
green, nellie  
hancock, sidney  
hoy, roberta  
haines, margaret  
hawes, dorothy  
hicks, margaret  
hayden, violet  
hayner, mollie  
huftey, mallory  
hardbower, william



# The ALECKO



hill, frank  
hammersley, frank  
horn, william  
hepburn, frances  
harrison, gertrude  
harrover, luther  
herrick, james  
hooker, sherman  
harrison, anna  
hinton, mary  
hepburn, evelyn  
humphries, paul  
humphries, pauline  
higgin, henry  
henrick, harry  
hoeft, magdalen  
howard, esther  
howard, jack  
howard, elwood  
humphries, rose  
jennier, roy  
jamison, russell  
jacobs, lawrence  
jones, evelyn  
kirchner, mary  
kirchner, marguerite  
kelly, wilson  
kirchner, ella  
knight, lewis  
lindsey, robert  
langford, mary  
lockett, james  
lucas, thomas  
larner, beverley  
lyons, william  
leadbeater, mary  
linton, florence  
lawler, frank  
major, lee  
moore, elizabeth  
moore, james  
mudd, clarence  
morris, christine

mankin, charles  
martel, margaret  
may, carroll  
mander, helen  
major, alice  
moncure, marion  
miller, paul  
mclane, earl  
mcmenamin, alice  
mills, edward  
mumford, kenneth  
myers, earl  
moore, malcolm  
myers, virginia  
mullin, helen  
nalls, archie  
norford, jane  
nuttall, stephen  
nattania, anthony  
o'neil, david  
o'neil, treva  
peyton, anna mae  
peck, evelyn  
pleasants, marie  
proctor, george  
parker, franklin  
penn, julian  
plowman, harry  
plowman, louise  
penn, dorothy  
park, sam  
padgett, leonard  
parker, blake  
pallant, edna  
pallant, francis  
peyton, wilbur  
pitts, margaret  
pullman, david  
pullman, fred  
painter, josephine  
pride, harriet  
pharr, george  
penn, melvin

peyton, carl  
pugh, beatrice  
pulman, freida  
reid, mary  
register, eldridge  
roberts, eunice  
russell, william  
robinson, esther  
robey, david  
ridgely, ellen  
robinson, william  
rock, oscar  
rawlette, evelyn  
reiss, teddy  
rogers, georgia  
reece, john  
ross, roselyn  
reid, franklin  
smith, william  
stump, charles  
spinner, william  
spurr, helen  
schelhorn, louise  
struder, mary  
simpson, anne  
shapiro, ruth  
sprouse, henry  
sperling, rose  
smith, douglas  
simpson, evelyn  
spinner, william  
shaw, margaret  
spencer, lois  
st. clair, paris  
scrivener, elsie  
schuman, alice  
schuman, virginia  
schreiner, louis  
schelhorn, barbara  
simms, lambert  
simpson, lila  
snow, barbara  
studds, marshall



# The ALECKO



stone, mercer  
 schwarzman, harvey  
 struder, willard  
 stutz, janet  
 suthard, frances  
 stanton, caroline  
 thomas, zula  
 thomas, james  
 thomas, mae  
 trenary, frances  
 thomas, mabel  
 toms, arnold  
 tatsapaugh, helen

thomas, ernest  
 travers, hugh  
 thomas, edgar  
 thomas, earl  
 trux, mary  
 vozeolas, andrew  
 vickers, elsie  
 vernon, william  
 vernon, thomas  
 walters, catherine  
 wells, raymond  
 wilburn, mary  
 welch, john

wells, manila  
 wells, sidney  
 wakeman, elizabeth  
 weaver, john  
 wells, john  
 wood, elizabeth  
 williamson, dorothy  
 wilkins, lillian  
 williamson, francis  
 wilkins, kathleen  
 williams, audrey  
 woolf, pattie  
 williams, hattie



# THE HALL



# OF FAME





## SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE SEASON

The first dance of the season was a huge success. It was given in the High School Auditorium, the night of October 1th by the Senior Class. Many old graduates as well as non-graduates were there, and all seemed to have an enjoyable evening. Then, too, the George Mason team took full advantage of our invitation to attend the dance.

The Sophomores were our next hostesses. They gave a very enjoyable dance on November 11th at old A. H. S. The floor was packed all evening. Everyone had a grand time. The Seniors expressed uneasiness after this dance, because of the fact that our principal, Mr. Moncure, attended the Soph Dance and did not attend the one given by the Seniors. It did look suspicious, didn't it?

To show the Alumni that we think of them often, the whole school got together and gave a dance in their honor just before the Christmas holidays. Practically all of the students attending college had returned; they seemed so glad to get back to their dear Alma Mater. Mr. Lindsey was a conspicuous figure and played his usual role. We've certainly missed him here this year.

Have you heard of our new Club? It is called the Monogram Club and is composed of boys who have made their letters. This club joined with the Juniors in giving us our next dance, immediately after the Portsmouth game. The Portsmouth boys, for whom the dance was given, all seemed to have a big time. We certainly tried to show them an enjoyable evening. Of course, after the defeat they had just suffered at the hands of A. H. S.'s crack basketball team, we couldn't expect them to be in the best of moods.

Mr. Moncure was certainly true to his promise when he gave us a dance immediately after the oratorical contest. Everything was done up in the inevitable Moncure style—and what more could we say? However, for those who aren't accustomed to the good fashion in which our beloved principal does things, we will add that the music was grand and everyone felt right at home. Words are mockery when we try to express our appreciation for such an enjoyable evening.

One of the most unique and enjoyable social affairs on our calendar was the Freshman Tacky Party, May 11th, given in honor of the Senior Class. Everyone entered into the spirit of the party, and long before the appointed hour arrived, many foolish and tacky guests were on the scene, for they had been warned not to appear in their Sunday best. It will be a long, long time before the memories of May 11th have faded away from our minds.





Literary Society



## THE LITERARY SOCIETY

The Theodore Ficklin Literary Society has flourished this last year under the leadership of Traynham Houston, its honored president. Clara Mae Goldsworthy served as vice-president, Agnes Kelley as secretary, and Helen Staples as treasurer—distinguished officers, to say the least. Jack Doniphan, with the able assistance of Park Ticer and Helen Staples, has furnished some very entertaining and interesting programs.

The subject of one of our earliest programs was Henry Woodfin Grady. His works and literary characteristics were discussed by members of the Society. Edgar Allan Poe, a favorite among the students, was discussed in due turn. Accounts of the lives of Lanier, Dickens, Abraham Lincoln, Washington, Sandburg, and a group of modern writers such as Zane Grey also held the attention of the Society at different times. At Christmas, an especially good program was had—refreshments were served! A debate on the indefatigable subject, capital punishment, proved exciting as well as interesting during one of our meetings.

The Society pin, a new addition this year, is a small gold owl, representing wisdom, holding before it a book, bearing the initials T. F. L. S. The guard is a Gold A, attached by a tiny chain. Everyone is much pleased with these pins.

The Society will continue its practice of giving letters to members for good and efficient work. Six points are required for a letter. These points are given for assistance on the program, filling an office, serving on a committee, taking part in dramatics, making a poster, or taking part in a debate. Many members will receive letters this year.

We are looking forward to several meetings. Some very interesting programs, and a delightful picnic are being planned by the members. It will not be possible to record them here, as the Alecko soon goes to press. We extend our best wishes for the prosperity of the Society in the future.



Pep Club



## THE PEP CLUB

The first meeting of the Pep Club brought almost every girl in school who had bought an athletic ticket, into its membership. It boasts of the largest membership it has ever had, the total number being 116.

The first business transaction was that of electing officers, who were: Caroline Kreuttner, President; Mary Saunders, Vice-President; Evelyn Pickett, Treasurer; Nellie Ridgely, Assistant Treasurer; Lena Shapiro, Secretary; Frieda Mendelson, Assistant Secretary; and Nina Bassist and Jane Norford, Cheer Leaders.

The next event in the Club's activities was the initiation of the Freshmen, who were required to wear their dresses backwards and to bow at the snap of an old member's finger. Some of the Rats enjoyed this immensely. (So did the old members.)

The most important occasion on the calendar of the Pep Club social activities is the football supper. This year our annual banquet was held at the Lee Camp Hall amid maroon and white festoons of crepe paper and red candles, and the High School Alumni Orchestra. Agnes Kelley, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, deserves praise for her work in arranging the program. The only flaw in the event was the fact that the clock insisted on working over-energetically.



Spanish Club

## SPANISH CLUB

During the session of 1927-28, Miss Carmen Andujar, the Spanish instructor in Alexandria High School, formed a Spanish Club, the first known in the history of the High School. Officers elected were: Frieda Mendelson, President; Gilbert St. Clair, Vice-President; Mary Buddin, Secretary; and Martha Baggett, Treasurer.

A constitution, containing laws that we saw fit to make, was drawn up. One of them is the eligible law, which makes a student of Spanish a member when his grade is a "C" or over.

The object of this club is to create a greater interest and appreciation for the Spanish language and customs. Our programs always have some Spanish connection—a song, a dance, a poem, or a reading. With the dues we collect we hope to leave some books to the Library.

Our meetings have been well attended and the membership has increased nearly one-half of the original number. We feel that the club has been a success and hope that it will continue.



Latin Club

## LATIN CLUB

"The strong in Life is strong in Death." Who dares to say that Caesar, Cicero, and Virgil do not live, that Latin is a dead language? One glance at these wide-awake students, and your convictions die a natural death.

As Caesar triumphantly entered Rome, so we triumphantly completed a successful year in our club. The members have shown interest in our programs by their willingness to participate in the meetings and by their faithful attendance. We have discussed such writers as Cicero, Virgil, Caesar, and Horace. We have devoted several meetings to the discussion of myths dealing with legends of the ancient civilizations. But we should like to keep foremost in your minds the delightful and most fascinating accomplishment of our term, our Latin magazine, to which all members of the club contributed material. The enthusiasm of the workers gave pep and reality to long-famous personages and made them immortal in our memories.

Officers for the year were: Dorothy Richtmeyer, President; Mercia Cash, Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Cobbs' untiring efforts aided us greatly in launching a successful year.

We are happy that we had so many pleasant times together. Although many of our dear chums will say good-bye in June, we determine to work with renewed vim to keep our standard high in the years to come.



Thrift Club

## THRIFT CLUB

This year the best project ever known was started—the “Thrift Club.” At first co-operation was easily gotten, but although enthusiasm died for a while it was soon revived. The teachers were right behind us, and at various times a good percentage was obtained.

The Seniors were the largest depositors. They realized the need of money for graduation, and were only sorry that they had not a chance to begin when Freshmen.

Mrs. Elgin was supervisor of our club; her position was a very responsible one. She is to be thanked for her interest, co-operation, and labor in launching this project. One member out of each room acted as cashier. As their job was no easy one, they also deserve much credit.

We feel as if this club has done much to encourage us to save. We hope that before school closes one hundred per cent of the students will be depositors.



## WEARERS OF THE "A" AND MEMBERS OF THE MONOGRAM CLUB

*President*.....GARLAND SISK  
*Vice-President*.....PARK TIGER  
*Secretary*.....ALLAN DENNIS  
*Treasurer*.....JOE BLACKWELL

### FOOTBALL

Lester McMenamin  
 Marshall Smith  
 Julian Whitestone  
 Donald King  
 Rector Green  
 Robert West  
 Paul Travers  
 Garland Sisk  
 Allan Dennis  
 Harry Barnett  
 Charles Armstrong  
 Robert Baldwin  
 Pete Williams  
 Marshall Beverley

### BASEBALL

Marshall Smith  
 Lester McMenamin  
 Joe Blackwell  
 Allan Dennis

### BASKETBALL

Paul Travers  
 Marshall Smith  
 Lester McMenamin  
 Garland Sisk  
 Pete Williams

### TRACK

Kirk Lindsey  
 Charles Violette  
 Marshall Smith  
 Lester McMenamin  
 Garland Sisk  
 Jack Doniphan  
 Blake Parker  
 Pete Williams  
 Donald King

### HONORARY MEMBER

J. F. Wilson

# The ALECKO





## WHAT WOULD HAPPEN "IF"—

Helen Staples didn't look at eyes  
Joseph were an "inkwell" instead of a "Blackwell"  
Clara were a "forest" instead of a "Grove"  
Mary Lee were "Black" instead of "White"  
Mary Magdalene were wrong instead of Wright  
Miss Ficklin didn't quote friend "Bill"  
Mr. Tavenner were not in a good humor  
Robert were a "Pippin" instead of a "Baldwin"  
Donald were a "Prince" instead of a "King"  
Gordon were "Wood" instead of "Stone"  
Clarence Sweeley didn't have a "bright remark"  
Arthur were a "major" instead of a "Minor"  
Everett "wouldn't" instead of "Wood"  
Mary Buddin were not "giggling"  
John Doniphan couldn't argue  
Carolyn were a "mountain" instead of a "Peake"  
Agnes Kelley were not Irish  
James Saunders were not with Edward Henderson  
Miss Reardon couldn't be "witty"  
Joseph were "morbid" instead of a "Jester"  
Mary Saunders and Evelyn Pickett were not together

## JOKES

Baxter: London is the foggiest place in the world.  
Jack: I've been in a place foggier than London.  
Baxter: Where was it?  
Jack: I don't know, it was so foggy.

A monologue is a conversation with a girl.

Kirk: Have you heard the latest Ford joke?  
Joe: Heard it? Man, I own it.

A Sophomore is a person who waits for a Freshman to come along and push the revolving door.

He: What's that on your neck?  
She: A mole.  
He: That's funny. I never saw a mole crawl before.



"Out of the Stillness"



## DRAMATICS 1927-1928

A mystery story, "Out of the Stillness," was presented on March 16 and 17 by the Senior Class. It afforded much amusement to an overwhelming audience on both nights. The class feels that a better play has never been produced than "Out of the Stillness."

The impersonation of Helen Staples as a typical American Girl, Joe Blackwell as Sheridan Blair, and Agnes Kelley as Aunt Lizzie, couldn't be beaten. We have to thank for the success of our plan our never-failing friend and coach, Miss Ficklin, who selected and directed a very fitting cast, everyone of whom acted his part with ease, poise, and success.

To review the cast and to picture in our minds in the future:

"Out of the Stillness"

### CAST OF CHARACTERS (Named in order of appearance)

Marion Deering—To whom there comes a great experience.....	Helen Staples
Bobby Deering—Her nephew.....	Frank Schreiner
Aimee.....	Annie Simpson
Billy.....	David Robey
Virginia.....	Sidney Wells
Miles.....	Jack Batcheller
Marjory.....	Bernice Fedder
George.....	David O'Neill
Betty.....	Dell Clinkscale
Junie.....	Harry Plowman
Jane Carroll—An artist.....	Dorothy Richtmeyer
Ethel—A friend.....	Ethel Berkow
Lucy—A maid.....	Cecelia Hufty
Mrs. Deering—Mother a la mode.....	Caroline Kreuttner
Byrne Seymour—An artist.....	Donald King
Sheridan Blair—The man next door.....	Joseph Blackwell
Eileen Deering—The would-be reformer.....	Virginia Leary



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Natalie Deering—A young widow.....Hilda Lynn  
 Alfred Tevis—Who steals hearts and other things.....Charles Strauss  
 Aunt Lizzie—Who meets the highwayman.....Agnes Kelley  
 Jerry—The would-be reformed.....Kirk Lindsey  
 Bess Roberts—A guest at the dinner dance.....Mary Saunders  
 Tom Morgan—Her escort.....James Eike  
 Cecile Tevis—Quick of wit and wily of stratagem.....Beulah Duborg  
 Henry Jerome—Who arrives unexpectedly.....Park Ticer  
 Hamilton Whitney—Of the Secret Service.....Charles Violette

Scene of Action

Scene—A Summer Home

Time—About Ten Years Ago

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### ACT I

The hall in Mrs. Deering's country home. A summer afternoon.

### ACT II

Again the hall—Three weeks later.

### ACT III

Same as Act II. The next morning.

NOTE: During the act the curtain is drawn for a moment to indicate the passage of time.

Business Manager—Miss Mary Lee White

Stage Managers—Messrs. Violette, Shaw and Cohen

Publicity—Miss Mildred Bretz

At the Door—Mr. Harry Barnett

Musical Numbers—Miss Berkow and Messrs. Francis, Fletcher, Vezeolas and Drury

Furniture—Loaned by Mr. Frank Michellbach

Draperies—Loaned by Swan Brothers

The Coach and Cast most earnestly thank all who have in any way helped make "Out of the Stillness" a success.



# The ALECKO



## "ENDEAVORS OF 1928"

By The Juniors and Seniors

(Under direction of Miss Ficklin)

Consisting of two comedies:

1. Norah Mixes In
2. Please Stand By

### THE CAST

#### "Norah Mixes In"

Rosalind Hensey.....	} Students at Lancaster College on a vacation in the country	.....Dorothy O'Neil
Miriam Barney.....		.....Ada Hicks
Fanny Idee.....		.....Bertha Cook
Jessie Shenny.....		.....Zula Thomas
Grace Paxton.....		.....Nellie Ridgely
Norah Angell, their cook.....		.....Julia Kelley
Miss Bettina Bridges, a native.....		.....Frances Buddin
Sophronia Hedges, an intruder.....		.....Mary Duborg
Nelly Snow.....	Village.....	.....Helen Bernhardt
Car'line Snow .....	Youngsters .....	.....Marguerite James
Mandy Banker, a widow.....		.....Elizabeth Knight
Mrs. Shenny, Jessie's mother.....		.....Mercia Cash
Neighbors.....		.....Ruby Floyd and Virginia White
Villagers.....		.....Pauline Brown and Charlotte Clifford

#### "Please Stand By"

Pa Hawley.....	.....Park Ticer
Ma Hawley.....	.....Ellen Painter
Honeysuckle .....	.....Catherine Robey
The announcer.....	.....Robert Nugent

#### Radio Artists—Part I

Violinist .....	.....Jack Nelowitz
Singer.....	.....Caroline Kreuttner
Dancers.....	.....Mary Buddin and Barbara Snow
Joe Joy and Nell Cantsing.....	.....Charles Strauss and Blanche Covington
Krazy Kat.....	.....Mary Lee White



## Radio Artists—Part II

Goldy and Dusty.....	Margaret Rudd and Agnes Kelley
Old-fashioned girl in Pianologue.....	Evelyn Pickett
A and P Gypsies.....	Margaret Craig and Baxter Cary
Tony.....	Joseph Blackwell
Big Brother.....	Gilbert St. Clair
Little Brother.....	David O'Neill
At the piano.....	Ethel Berkow
Jews Harpist.....	Earl Thomas

## STAFF

<i>Business Manager</i> .....	MARY LEE WHITE
<i>Stage Managers</i> .....	VIOLETTE, SHAW AND COHEN
<i>Publicity</i> .....	MISS MILDRED BRETZ
<i>At the Door</i> .....	HARRY BARNETT

Furniture kindly loaned by Michelbach & Bros.; Draperies, Swan Bros.

The Coach and Cast are most grateful to all who have helped make "The Endeavors of 1928" a success.





### A FACTUAL FABLE OF FOOTBALL

Once upon a time there came to Alexandria High School a handsome coach, who was of Fisher design, and bore the cognomen of J. "Prex" Wilson. He worked hard and produced one of the best teams ever known.

Verily I say unto you, these boys who worked so hard and showed so much ability will some day be professional stars in the football world, showing up their rivals like a tin can on a sunshiny day at a tourist camp in Florida.

The warriors labored and were as active as colts. Their goal was the championship. But, alas, only three hurdles stood in the way; the championship was lost to Washington and Lee.



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The hurdles were:

St. John's.....	0	Alexandria.....	25
George Mason.....	0	Alexandria.....	25
Central.....	12	Alexandria.....	6
Fredericksburg .....	0	Alexandria.....	32
Washington and Lee.....	7	Alexandria.....	6
Woodrow Wilson.....	0	Alexandria.....	0
Emerson .....	24	Alexandria.....	0
Swavely .....	18	Alexandria.....	0
	—		—
	61		94

The warriors were:

Captain William Travers, quarter-back, and one of the best football players that has ever attended A. H. S., will not be here to share honors with us in '29. We do hope that Billy's college career will be as outstanding as his athletic career at A. H. S.

Charles Williams, end, certainly has had a fine career so far. Pete has the typical fighting spirit of A. H. S. He played especially well in the Central game.

Julian Whitestone, guard, was an outstanding figure in many games. Whitey is one of the best linemen the High School has known.

Martin Cohen—that dashing, slashing, half-back! We could always count on a couple of yards gain whenever he was handed the ball.

Garland Sisk is one of the best tackles that has ever attended our High School. Garland was fine at bringing long end runs—to be, to an abrupt halt. We are very glad that we will have him next year.

Paul "Chunky" Travers, half-back, is a fine player. We can look up the records and find that "Chunky" has always been one of the stars.

Donald King, tackle. We are very sorry that "D" didn't make the team before '27. Because of his fine playing he gained great fame.

Allan Dennis—the little end who always had just a little more fighting spirit than the rest. Hopeful "Casey"! "Casey" certainly was an ace when it came to intercepting passes.

Lester McMenamin, full-back, was one fine player. His kicking and passing have been responsible for many of the victories won by A. H. S.

Harry Barnett, guard. Uncle Mike was one of the "biggest" helps the team has had. "Mike" has been our mainstay in the front line for the past four years.



Charles Peple Armstrong. Charlie won considerable fame in the Portsmouth, Central, and St. John's games. His playing has been unexcelled.

The substitutes were: Marshall Smith, Gilbert St. Clair, Rector Green, Charles Violette, Arthur Minor, Wilbur Peyton, Jimmy Jones, Joe Jester, and Jack Reese.

Marshall Beverley was the Manager; he was one of the most successful managers that has ever gone to A. H. S.

And it came to pass that each of these boys acquired success in his own way and lived happily ever after.

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### YE PEP CLUB ECHO

And when that A. H. S. team falls in line,  
We're going to win that game another time.  
And for the A. H. S. we'll yell, we'll yell.  
And for the Maroon and White we'll yell,  
We'll yell a yell!  
And we will fight, fight, fight for every yard;  
Circle ends and hit that line right hard,  
And we will roll our opponents in the sod,  
In the sod.  
Rah! Rah!! Rah!!!



# The ALECKO



played side center against George Mason, our old rivals; Frieda Mendelson, the guard with reddish locks, whose rival just couldn't make a goal; Catherine Robey, our other guard, who kept our rival from making baskets; and Helen Jaffe, another center, whose topping and passing failed to make her rivals feel any too good.

By the following you will see that the Champion's playing speaks for them.

A. H. S.....	25	George Mason .....	4
A. H. S.....	29	Washington and Lee.....	9
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A. H. S.....	25	Jefferson .....	7
A. H. S.....	41	George Mason .....	4
A. H. S.....	17	Alumnae .....	2
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## TRACK, 1928

The cinder path was crowded with candidates this year, and there was a reason. Alexandria planned the most extensive season ever. To start the season off we were represented in the Devitt meet in Washington. Doniphan took third place in two of the finals. Beverley won a place in the heats, but lost out in the finals.

Alexandria will go to Charlottesville on the fourth and fifth of May to compete in the Virginia State Meet.

The largest meet ever held on Haydon's Field will be on May 19, when all the schools of Northern Virginia compete. Prizes will be awarded. It will be a big day, which will long be remembered.

After these two big events Alexandria will be represented in a meet every week until the close of the session.

With plenty of good material in the track candidates, we can look forward to some lively times.





## NONSENSE

### *TO MY TEACHER*

I do not love her anymore,  
I love her not—alas!  
I do not love her anymore,  
Because I did not pass.  
—By a Senior.

Mary Buddin: What tree do you like best.  
Ernie Taylor: Yew!

An Annual is a great invention  
The school gets all the fame,  
The printer gets all the money  
And the Staff gets all the blame.

Have you seen my notebook floating around on Sir Walter Scott?

Miss Ficklin: Why is English known as the Mother Tongue?

Class: Why?

Miss Ficklin: Because father seldom gets a chance at it.

Sweeley: You are so attractive, how do you keep girls away from you?

Park: I eat onions.

Freshie: Is the editor of The Alecko particular?

Mighty Senior: Yes, siree! She raves if she finds a period upside down.

Seen in a Washington newspaper:

“House Passes on Dam Bill”

We wonder whose house it is and if the bill is for graduation expenses.

Joke editors may toil and work  
’Til fingertips are sore,  
But there remains some fish to say  
I’ve heard that joke before.

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## THE ALECKO STAFF

This year the Alecko Staff has tried to change the order of the book entirely, and to give you some originality. The historical importance of Alexandria has been emphasized by carrying out the Colonial theme throughout the book.

You must remember that Alexandria is a very historical place containing Christ Church, The Masonic Memorial, The Carlyle House, The Old Cannon, and the Old Ramsay House. As "Alecko" means "Alexandria Ecko," we are trying to re-echo Colonial times in Alexandria.

First of all we must thank the teachers and our principal for their help on this book, particularly Miss Green, literary and art adviser; Miss Reardon, financial adviser; and Miss Bretz, whose department assisted in the typing.

Next come the students who have worked harder than anyone else for the success of this book. The student who deserves the most praise is our Business Manager, Kirk Lindsey. Kirk has worked hard; as you know the job of business manager is no easy one. Everything went along smoothly; his success is possibly his greatest recompense. Robert Baldwin, as Advertising Manager; Joe Blackwell, as Circulating Manager; and Virginia Leary, as Editor, share alike in honors for once more publishing a book of which to be proud in the name of the class of '28 of A. H. S.



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The associate editors, Hilda Lynn, Lena Shapiro, Lester McMenamin, Helen Staples, and Ruby Floyd have aided to the greatest extent in the publication of this book.

Joe Painter, Ruby Floyd, and Samuel Bernheimer have done much to make our book attractive by their art work. They deserve especial credit, as we have no art department in our school. The drawings, which carry out the theme of the book, are entirely original; they represent talent and hard work. We wish to thank the Lynchburg Engraving Company for the frames in which we placed our separation page drawings, and for the heading and Senior panels.

We have all worked with the idea of making this book the best ever published by any class of Alexandria High School, and above all to give a joyful remembrance of happy High School days.

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## THE LAST LAP STAFF

The Last Lap Staff has worked diligently this year to place a newsy paper in the hands of its subscribers. We hope that this labor has not been in vain.

A number of teachers have shown their interest by helping the students to publish a successful school paper. We wish to thank them for their co-operation and we want them to know that we appreciate it. Miss Green, faculty adviser for the Editorial Staff, has never failed to help us with our burdens or to help us solve our problems. Miss Reardon, faculty adviser for the business staff, has efficiently handled the financial side of our affairs. The success of the Last Lap depended largely on our financial status. At one time we were afraid that it would be necessary to print all of the editions on the dittograph, but Miss Reardon came to our rescue with more money.

Before any of our material was sent to the printer it was necessary that it be typed. Miss Bretz had entire charge of this. We wish to thank Miss Bretz for her part in our work.

Caroline Kreuttner, the Editor-in-Chief, deserves most credit for the success of the paper. She has never failed to recognize that along with the honor of the



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position goes hard work. Not only did she write many good articles for the paper, but she also showed tact and executive ability in the way in which she obtained the co-operation of the faculty advisers, members of the staff, and students.

Our circulation manager, Joe Blackwell, has been right on the job, getting subscriptions, collecting bills, and circulating the paper. He has always been smilingly ready to greet some of us with "Have you brought your dollar for the Last Lap?"

. Another person whom we should like to thank is Bob Duncan, Athletic Reporter, for always having his work in on time.

Virginia Leary and Ruby Floyd were willing workers; they contributed splendid writings on the assemblies. Baxter Cary and John Doniphan contributed a lot of fun and nonsense to our paper. The joke column brings back to our minds many an amusing incident that happened at A. H. S. James Eike was a first-class news reporter, especially for the Literary Society.

Other students who have helped our paper to be a success are: Mary Saunders, Alumni reporter; Hilda Lynn and Helen Staples, Senior reporters; and Mercia Cash, Junior reporter.

We wish all the success in the world to future Staffs of the Last Lap.

## Autographs

# THE LAST LAP

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## GRADUATING EXERCISES IN AUDITORIUM BACCALAUREATE SERMON IN CHRIST CHURCH

During Assembly period the other day the Seniors met to discuss various matters about the graduating exercises. After much discussion the class decided that they would like to have the Baccalaureate Sermon at Christ Church. The school board announced that the graduating exercises would be held in the High School Auditorium.

### SENIOR PROM

The first steps toward preparing for the Senior Prom were made when "Out of the Stillness" was produced. Fifty dollars from the proceeds of this play will be used for the dance.

Harry Barnett, the President, selected an entertainment committee composed of Evelyn Pitkett, Park Ticer, Virginia Leary, and Jack Doniphan, who will have charge of the "most-looked-forward-to" social event of the scholastic year.

Our auditorium will be decorated in green and gold, the class colors, and the stage will be decked with palms and ferns. Novel favors will be given, and dainty refreshments will be served.

Mr. Friedlander will furnish the music for those who will dance for the last time to the tune of "Washington and Lee Swing."

### MUSICAL PRACTICE FOR GRADUATING EXERCISES

Miss Munoz has spent a great deal of time coaching the Seniors for the musical program for the Commencement.

## THIS YEAR'S VICTORIES FOR A. H. S.

Alexandria High School has made a good record this year in its competition with other schools along literary lines as well as in athletics.

We started off by winning the State championship in basketball for Class B. The other day at assembly "Nick" Altrock presented the medal to the captain of the basketball team. This medal will be ours for one year, and it will be ours permanently if we win the championship next year.

Howard Blackwell won honors for his school in the National Oratorical Contest by winning in the group contest. Aside from this honor, Howard won a twenty-dollar prize.

Martha Baggett and Gilbert St. Clair won second place in the State Championship Chemistry Essay Contest. Each of these students received a book and a certificate.

A shorthand and typing contest was held at Richmond on May 5. At this contest Fleury Foster won third place and a medal for shorthand, and Virginia Leary won fourth place in typing with the same score as the person who received third place; Virginia had only a few more errors than the winner.

Helen Staples was given honorable mention in the National Short Story Contest with her story, "Jimmy Turns the Tables." Out of ten thousand stories submitted to the contest, Helen's was among the first three hundred.

Aside from these victories by our students, our last year's graduates have also made a good record. Only 7 per cent out of 25 students who attended college failed during the past winter. This gives A. H. S. a ranking of eighth place out of the fifty-six high schools of Virginia.

## CHARM

(The Best Essay Selected from "The Senior Review," a Magazine published by Miss Ficklin's English Students.)

"Why are some girls shy and self-conscious?" "Nobody loves me"—"I'm not popular, I am a failure, I may as well give up!" Such are the cries of more than one modern flapper.

This old-fashioned attitude of false modesty will never win one friend. Tears are hopelessly out of date!

The girl who is 100 per cent modern in the best sense of the word, has discarded the whining, complaining mental attitude once and for all. She believes in herself and her capacity for charm and success, and she lives up to her idea of herself.

We can't all acquire the same kind of charm, but there are certain traits underlying all charm, and these traits we may well cultivate.

Courage—that's the secret of the "grand manner" of modern youth!

"I'm a very remarkable fellow!" exclaimed the hero of "Seventh Heaven" to himself. Then he proceeded to live up to his own idea of himself.

To charm others, you must have courage to believe in yourself, know that you, also, can be attractive, fine, capable of winning and holding love—then prove it by your appearance, manner and character.

If you wish to be hopelessly old-fashioned, actually out of place among modern girls and young men, just whine about your troubles, wail, and weep copiously on slight occasion, and cultivate super-sensitiveness, which will cause you to suffer "hurt feelings" on all occasions.

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## FAREWELL

As this paper goes to press, there are only a few days left before another school year will end and another class will have completed its high school course. Although these seniors will go their separate ways—some to college, some to work, and some into matrimony, none of them will ever forget the many happy and carefree days and the atmosphere created by their friends and teachers at A. H. S. Many of them will look back on these days and have the same feeling about them that Thomas Moore expressed in his poem:

"Let Fate do her worst, there are relics of joy,  
Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot destroy;

Which come in the night time of sorrow and care,  
And bring back the features that joy used to wear.

Long, long be my heart with such memories filled!

Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled;

You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,

But the scent of the roses will hang 'round it still."

The seniors are about to step aside for the juniors to take their places, but before they do so, they would like to tarry a moment to wish their friends whom they are leaving all the success and happiness in the world!

## "GUESS WHO!"

(Best Poem Selected from "Junior Review")

He was a conspicuous looking gent—  
With a straw hat on his head,  
I thought sure it was gran'pa,  
But he was home 'sleep in bed.

He was tall and somewhat skinny,  
And he never had a care,  
And the only work he had  
Was chasing birds that landed there.

I have often watched him standing  
In the field of yellow corn,  
And I have often wondered,  
If he were a man forlorn.

He was faithful as a greyhound,  
For he never moved nor strayed,  
But stayed right in our cornfield  
Where my brother and I played.

But one day before the Harvest  
I was glad, he let me know  
That he wasn't any human,  
Just a friendly old scarecrow!

By PETE WILLIAMS.

## A SCHOOLBOY'S AMBITION

(Selected from Spotlights on English V.)

I go to school to have some fun,  
And you'll bet your life I have it some,  
I bother the teachers all the day,

'Cause I can't have fun any other way;  
I never study, by the way,  
I guess I'll be sorry for that some day;

I go to sleep and lose my place  
And laugh at the frown on the teacher's face.

I'll bet a dime that I'm never on time;  
I never hurry so why should I worry?  
Studying's a joke, by the way;  
I'll feel differently some day.

I throw spitballs all over the floor  
And hunt for paper to make some more.

I never study any more,  
Studying to me was always a bore.  
And I guess if I would use my brain  
It would turn cloudy and surely rain.

By CHARLES ARMSTRONG.

## LOVELORN YOUTH

(Selected from "Sidelights" on English V.)

As I sit here, my darling, and gaze up  
at the moon,  
Away down in my heart I wish that  
I might see you soon.  
I wish that I might gaze right now  
into your sparkling eyes,  
But, ah, I have to be content with the  
stars high in the skies.

—By EVERETT BREWER.

(Poor "Speed"; it must be terrible to be in love.)

## BASKETBALL TEAM ATTENDS THEATER PARTY

Coach J. F. Wilson invited the basketball team to attend a theater party on May 19th. This happy crowd attended the Fox Theater, and had a most delightful evening. Those who went were Coach Wilson, William Travers, Paul Travers, Charles Williams, Garland Sisk, Robert West, Bennie Friedson, Cleveland Shaw, Allen Dennis, Marshall Smith, Richard Wiley, and Lester McMenamin.

## THE LAST LAP

### TRIANGULAR MEET HELD

For the first time this year the citizens of Alexandria had the pleasure of seeing a track meet held between George Mason, Washington-Lee, and Alexandria High Schools.

Coach Wilson made all arrangements for this event, which was held on May 25, 1928. It is understood that George Mason and Washington-Lee have the best track teams ever to represent their schools.

In a test run the other day, C. P. Williams ran the 220 low hurdles in 27 2/5 seconds. This is the best time made on this track this year.

### CLASS NIGHT

Every year the Senior Class sets aside one night for class night exercises. Harry Barnett, the President of the Senior Class, arranged the following program:

Address .....Mr. Moncure  
Class Prophecy .....Evelyn Pickett  
Class Will .....Helen Staples  
Class Poem .....Caroline Kreuttner

This occasion was the last informal gathering of the entire class. Although the members will meet each other individually, never will the entire class be assembled in such a friendly gathering just for the purpose of talking over their affairs with their classmates.

### PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Address to Students.....Dean Wilbur,  
George Washington University  
Speech by the President of the Class,  
Harry Barnett  
Valedictory.....Virginia Leary  
Salutatory .....James Eike  
Merry June .....Caroline Kreuttner,  
and Chorus of Girls  
Song—Farewell to Thee....Entire Class  
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These exercises will be held in the High School Auditorium on the night of June 8th.

### JOKES

Friedson: "How does one get down off an elephant?"

Abramson: "I'll bite, how?"

Friedson: "One doesn't get down off an elephant, but one gets down off a duck."

Mike: "Have you ever seen 'King Lear'?"

Mack: "No, but I have seen his brother Chandelier."

Dennis: "What makes petrified trees?"

Gundy Davis: "I have heard the wind makes them rock."

Joe Kleinman, talking about *L'Allegro*: "Everybody likes sunshine and moonshine." Well, we don't know about the sunshine.

"A boy ate frog legs the other day;  
They think that he will croak."  
"I've been eating fish for years,  
And I can't swim a stroke."

Country: "Have a toothpick?"  
Jake: "Thanks, I left my nail file at home."

McMenamin: "Have you read Lindbergh's book?"  
Miss Reardon: "Oui."

Houston: "She's hard as concrete, you say?"  
Garvey: "Yeh. Fact is, I took her for a walk."

Hee: "Hey, give me that shovel."  
Haw: "That snow shovel?"  
Hee: "Sure, it's a shovel."

He: "May I hold your palm, Olive?"  
She: "Not on your life, Buoy."  
He: "Then I'm out of Lux."  
She: "You sure are Ivory formed."

### FRESHMAN CLASS GIVES A TACKY PARTY

On Friday night, May 11th, the Freshman Class entertained the entire school at a tacky party, held in the Auditorium. The Auditorium has rarely held such a collection of freaks as came to that party. Harriet Butler captured the prize as tackiest lady, and Cleveland Shaw received the title of tackiest gentleman, although he was, as Mr. Moncure said, also a lady! The judges declined to select the tackiest teacher. Refreshments of home-made cake and punch were served.

The Freshman Class is indeed to be congratulated for providing such an enjoyable evening. It has been suggested that this party be made an annual event with the Freshman Class as hosts each year.

### CLOSE RACE FOR HONORS

The race for honors in scholarship was very close this year. Virginia Leary, James Eike, and Mary Saunders all have made splendid records. So close was the competition that it was difficult to determine the Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

After very careful examination of the records it was found that Virginia Leary had won the place as Valedictorian, and James Eike as Salutatorian.

All three of these students deserve special praise, as they won their distinctions through hard work and ability.

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Charm dwells close to every hearthstone, part of every-day life, although some of us are too blind to recognize and encourage this elusive quality, and seek it in vain in far-away places and divers ways.

By HILDA LYNN.

"I like your Gaul," said Miss Cobbs to one of her Latin III pupils.

# *Autographs*

# The ALECKO



“The book is completed,  
And closed like the day;  
And the hand that has written it  
Lays it away.”

—Longfellow.

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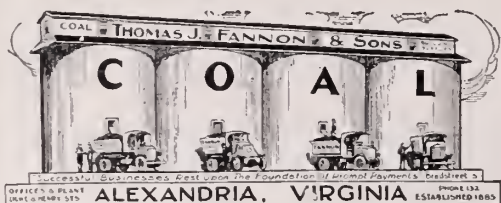
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